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TO

Extend to Ireland some provisions of English and Scotch Law as to the care of Lunatics. A.D. 1831.

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend to Ireland some provisions of English and Scotch law as to the care of lunatics :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. The provisions of sections sixty-six to sixty-eight, both inclusive, and of sections seventy to seventy-two, both inclusive, and of sections seventy-eight and eighty-one of the Act sixteen and
 10 seventeen Victoria, chapter ninety-seven, entitled "An Act to
 " consolidate and amend the laws for the provision and regulation
 " of lunatic asylums for counties and boroughs, and for the main-
 " tenance and care of pauper lunatics," shall, subject to the changes
 next herein-after mentioned, be extended to Ireland.

Extension to
 Ireland of cer-
 tain provisions
 of statute
 16 & 17 Vict.
 c. 97. for
 sending to
 lunatic asy-
 lums, if paupers
 or wandering
 at large, or not
 being properly
 cared for or
 cruelly treated.
- 15 2. In applying the provisions of the said sections to Ireland the following changes shall be observed :
 - (1.) The quarterly list of lunatics reported on by the medical
 officer of a dispensary district shall, in Ireland, be sent to the
 Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums, Dublin Castle, and to the
 20 resident medical superintendent of the district lunatic asylum
 or asylums within the district of which the dispensary district
 of such officer is in the whole or in part situate :
 - (2.) The sub-inspector, head-constable, or other officer in charge
 of any police district or sub-district shall discharge the duty
 25 imposed by said sections upon the constable of a place, and
 such district or sub-district shall be deemed to be a place for
 the purposes of said Act and this Act :
 - (3.) Medical officers and relieving officers acting under the poor
 laws in Ireland shall discharge in respect of their respective
 30 districts the duties imposed by said sections on medical officers
 and relieving officers respectively of parishes in England, and
 [Bill 75.]

Modifications
 in extension
 of and pro-
 visions of
 statute
 16 & 17 Vict.
 c. 97. to
 Ireland.

A.D. 1881.

for the purpose of the application of the provisions of said sections to Ireland each of such respective districts shall be deemed to be a parish :

- (4.) Governors of district lunatic asylums in Ireland shall exercise the power of checking the issue of orders to hospitals or licensed houses vested by said sections in visitors of asylums in England : 5
- (5.) Two governors of a district lunatic asylum in Ireland may exercise the power vested by said sections in two visitors of an asylum to discharge a lunatic on the undertaking of a relative or friend that he shall no longer be chargeable, and shall be taken care of : 10
- (6.) Documents required by said Act to be sent to the Poor Law Board in England shall in Ireland be sent to the Local Government Board for Ireland :
- (7.) Penalties shall be recoverable in the summary manner stated in the fifth section of Fines Act, Ireland, 1851 and 1874, and when recovered shall be applied in manner directed by the Fines Act, Ireland, 1851, and any Act amending the same. 15

Extension of provisions of Act of 1875 (38 & 39 Vict. c. 67, s. 14.) as to payment of medical officer to examinations under this Act.

3. The provisions of the fourteenth section of the Lunatic Asylums, Ireland, Act, 1875, as to the remuneration of medical officers and payment of other reasonable expenses in and about examinations under that Act, shall extend to and apply to examinations, inquiries, and reports under this Act, other than quarterly visitations of pauper lunatics, and any justice or justices causing any person to be examined under this Act may make a like order, and the money so ordered shall be paid in like manner as orders made and moneys paid under that section. 20 25

Extension to other cases of boarding out of existing power of governors to entrust lunatics to relatives.

4. The governors of district lunatic asylums in Ireland, or a majority of them present at any duly constituted meeting, may deliver over the custody and care of any lunatic to a private person approved of and selected by them upon terms of such periodical payment as such governors shall determine, and upon the undertaking in writing of such person to the satisfaction of such governors that such lunatic shall be properly taken care of and shall be prevented from doing injury to himself and others. 30 35

Provision for inspection, care and cost of lunatics boarded out by governors of asylums.

Every lunatic so boarded out shall be subject to the periodical inspection of the medical officer of the dispensary district as one of the pauper lunatics required to be inspected by this Act, and to such further inspection as the governors of the asylum from which he shall be boarded out shall from time to time determine, and shall for all purposes be under the control and care and at the disposal of such governors, and may at any time within fourteen days after the 40

expiration of a time fixed by an order of any two governors for his return to an asylum be retaken as in case of an escape, and all expenses duly incurred by such governors in respect of any such lunatic, including the fees for periodical visitations under section
5 seventy-six of said Act of 1853, shall be defrayed in the same manner and out of same sources in all respects as if such lunatic was a resident in the asylum from which he has been boarded out.

5. When the destitution of any poor person is caused by his being temporarily disabled from labour by reason of mental defect
10 or from the mental infirmity of any person dependent upon him for support, it shall be lawful for the guardians of the poor to relieve such poor person being destitute as aforesaid either in the workhouse or out of the workhouse, as to them shall appear fitting and expedient in each individual case, and for the purpose of the visitation
15 required by this Act such dependent person, though not directly relieved, shall be deemed a pauper lunatic.

6. This Act may be cited as the Lunacy Law Assimilation (Ireland) Act, 1881.

A.D. 1881.

Extension of provisions of Irish Poor Relief Extension Act, 1847, to case of destitution caused by temporary disability by reason of mental defect, or from mental infirmity of a person dependent upon person relieved for support.
Short title.